

## February 2022

### Call to Order

The Tama County Conservation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at the Tama County Nature Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Wacha.

**Board Members present:** Adolphs, Atchison, Keenan, Wacha, Wrage.

**Staff Members present:** Mayne.

**Public present:** N/A

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the January 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Keenan, seconded by Adolphs to approve the minutes as recorded, carried, all voting aye.

### Approval of Bills

Bills were presented to be paid from the month of December 2021. It was moved by Adolphs, seconded by Keenan to approve bills, carried, all voting aye.

Wrage questions the Home Depot expenditures. Mayne ensured those purchases were justified to replace broken and aging equipment that can no longer be used in accordance with OSHA standards.

### Reports & Updates

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Maintenance Report:** Horne's report included; Replaced battery on the 6040 Kubota tractor, plowed snow at Otter Creek Lake & Park and Ike's, picked up tires from Mccoy's Boat Ramp, burned brush piles, assisted with the Ike's meeting, met with Paul Sleeper and flagged trees for fish structure, serviced the 2001 Dodge truck, fixed blown waterline in ranger house, and attended Winterfest and took the RT130 refresher training course.

**Environmental Education Report:** Kelly's report included; field trip schedules & planning, public program advertising and preparation, summer day camp planning, live animal care, attended Winterfest, and assisted with maintenance days.

**Meetings Attended:** Mayne's report included; Lake Restoration Project Pre-Construction Meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, IT meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>, BMP 15 Meeting with the DNR on January 6, Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> budget hearing with Bryan on January 11<sup>th</sup>, Hosted the IKE's Membership Renewal Class on January 12<sup>th</sup>, Held the TCCB Emergency Board Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, Attended the re-appointment of Carolyn on January 17<sup>th</sup>, Attended the IRWC Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Attended Winterfest from January 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Attended the WMA funding proposal to the Tama County Board of Supervisors on January 31<sup>st</sup>, and met with the EMA Director at Otter Creek Lake & Park.

### Old Business

**Lake Restoration Update:** Phase 3 meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Rachel Contracting will begin work the second week of January with a projected duration of 6 months. The easement for BMP 15 has been denied by the land owner. FYRA Engineering will begin reconfiguring the depth for BMP 15.

## **New Business**

**Single Person Lift for the Nature Center:** Mayne proposed to purchase a Single Person Lift for the Nature Center. During this would allow the staff to inspect and clean the windows, beams, and help with the instillation of new lights for the Nature Center. After discussing the pros and cons of using a lift, Bryan asked that we table this discussion until we can collect more information about the lift.

**New Employee Hiring Update:** Mayne updated the board regarding the candidates that have been selected to interview following the PT Test. Interviews for the 3 candidates will take place on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Nature Center. Mayne invited all board members to attend to sit in on the interviewing panel. PT testing is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> and will be located in the High School's Gym.

**New Naturalist Intern Position:** Mayne announced that this needs to be tabled until next month's meeting since Brendan was out sick to develop the new job description.

## **Adjourn**

With no further discussion items, it was motioned by Adolphs, seconded by Keenan to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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**Board Chair**  
**Tama County Conservation Board**